The Honorable Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to you in support of the proposed merger between Echostar and Direct TV. I believe that the merger will not only let the DBS industry effectively compete with the huge cable conglomerates but will also allow DISH Network (who I currently use for my television service) to provide improved service to me.

I don't think it's fair to talk about competition in the DBS industry when there is absolutely no similar competition requirements within the cable industry. This merger allows the DBS companies to compete on a more even footing.

I urge you to favorably consider the proposed merger between Echostar and Direct ${\tt TV}$ (DISH Network).

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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